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LOUNGING ROBES
BATH ROBES,
MACINTOSHES,
New lines to show.
GARDINER & BAXTER.**

LIST OF THE DEAD

Whom the Old Residents' Association Mourns.

PIONEERS' ANNUAL MEETING

New Officers Elected and a Committee to Arrange for the Annual Reunion to be Held in February.

The annual meeting of the Old Residents' association of the Grand River valley was held yesterday afternoon in the city hall. The meeting was well attended, although many of the officers were unable to be present on account of illness. Dr. Charles Shepard, president; W. A. Berkeley, vice-president; Charles A. Robinson, secretary; Thomas D. Gilbert, treasurer, were absent. The meeting organized by electing Col. P. V. Fox, chairman, and Reuben Smith, secretary. The minutes of the last annual meeting and of the annual picnic in August were read and approved. On account of the absence of Treasurer Gilbert, the treasurer's report was not submitted, although the secretary's report showed receipts during the past year amounting to \$145.50.

The ranks of the old residents have been depleted to a greater extent during the last year than has been recorded in any previous year's history. Following is the list of those who have died within the year, the date of death and the age of each as far as could be ascertained:

Henry Frankel, March 14, 79; John T. Holmes, June 15, 79; John Calkins, May 13, 74; Jarred Spring, Mrs. Henry Holt, Ebenezer Davis, Julius Houseman, February 8, 69; Mrs. Jane Houseman, Herman A. Wilson, March 16, 79; George Schenckman, Mrs. Nathaniel Hyde, January 29, 59; Harry H. Ives, January 18, 79; Henry G. Stone, May 10, 63; Mrs. Demetrius Turner, January 2, 76; James H. Brown, July 25, 83; John Butler, August 12, 75; Alexander Blake, March 3, 78; G. Chase Godwin, February 26, 50; Mrs. George Kendall, July 17, 60; O. K. Pearsall, May 9, 69; Charles C. Road, February 1, 70; William C. Voorhis, June 22, 78; A. J. Whitney, March 12, 71; Mrs. Henry Spring, Charles Miller, June 3, 83; Edward S. Marsh, June 21, 74.

The following officers were elected for the year: President—Dr. Charles Shepard. First vice president—Col. P. V. Fox. Second vice president—James A. Ramsey. Secretary—Reuben Smith. Treasurer—Thos. D. Gilbert. Marshal—W. N. Cook.

The following committee was appointed to fix the date and to complete arrangements for the annual reunion which will be held some time in February:

Col. P. V. Fox, Reuben H. Smith, Geo. C. Fitch, Harvey J. Hollister, Adrian Johnson and W. N. Cook of this city; Chester G. Stone, Lowell Luman, Emerson Jensen. The committee decided to meet this afternoon in the city hall at 3 o'clock.

Sixteen new names were added to the list of the association's membership.

JOLLY SOCIAL AT THE EAGLE

Landlord Johnston Entertains the Fountain Street Baptists.

Last evening Landlord Johnston, of the Eagle hotel, tendered his annual reception to the members and the society of the Fountain Street Baptist church. The parlors of the hotel were thrown open to the ladies and they were given carte blanche to use them as they saw fit. The evening was devoted to tableaux, games, and other social amusements. Three young ladies of the church posed as Michael Angelo's "Three Fates," and the room in which they exhibited was crowded whenever the doors were open. Mr. T. W. Fletcher, city editor of the Democrat, assisted the ladies in making the entertainment a success. At 10 o'clock supper was served in the dining room of the hotel, and at least 250 members and friends of the church created havoc with the viands that Mr. Johnston had prepared. The music for the occasion was furnished by Organist Cornelius, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Pearson, Mrs. Loomis, and others. The ladies realized a snug sum from the profits of the entertainment.

GRAND RIVER FRUIT GROWERS.

Executive Board Arranges Topics for the Monthly Meetings This Year.

A meeting of the executive board of the Grand River Valley Horticultural society was held yesterday morning at the Grand Rapids Savings bank. The board was represented by the following members: President J. A. Pierce, Vice President W. N. Cook, Treasurer E. Chase Phillips, Secretary Thomas L. Brown, and Directors Simon S. Bailey and Asa W. Slayton. A list of subjects for discussion was prepared for each meeting throughout the year, and it was decided to hold the February meeting in the city hall in this city, on Tuesday, February 23. A. W. Slayton presented resolutions extending the sympathy of the association to the late C. W. Garfield, on account of his recent affliction, which were unanimously adopted.

Mothers' Kindergarten Meeting.

There was a large attendance at the public meeting of the Mothers' Kindergarten class yesterday afternoon at the parlors of the Young Men's Christian association. The subject of the address was one of the songs Froebel wrote for the use of the mother with her child, entitled "The Tree," a little song used to give the child his first impression of time, its value and use. At the close of the meeting several new members joined the class. The meetings will continue to be held until June.

IT WAS NOT VETOED

And the Council's Offer of \$5000 for the Gravel Road Holds Good.

The proposition of the council Monday night to offer the toll road company \$5000 for the mile of road within

the city limits on South Division street now goes. Alderman Carpenter was nervous all day yesterday for fear Alderman Saunders, in the absence of the mayor, would veto the appropriation, but when 6 o'clock arrived and no veto had been filed with the city clerk, his spirits rose. Alderman Carpenter says the abutting property owners and others interested will raise \$5000, and he has good cause to believe the South Division Street Toll Road company will accept \$5000 for its franchise.

City News in Brief.

Dr. J. R. Jackson has recovered from his recent illness.

D. C. Powell, of Sand Lake, was in the city yesterday.

Geo. Stanton, of the G. R. & I. general offices, has the grip.

Sam Powell, gate keeper at the Union station, is very ill with the grip.

Shipments of furniture contracted for at this January sale, are already being made.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chapman, of No. 201 Valley street, an eight pound girl.

The Bicycle club nine will cross bats with the Custer Guard nine this evening in Center Guard hall.

The Grand Rapids Bicycle club will give a grand masquerade ball, February 19, in its hall in the Hartman building.

Architect A. Stone, who has been in George Street's office for the past eleven years, has established an office for himself.

At the time Mr. Hull's barn burned his Jersey cow dashed out of the flames and ran up College avenue, since which it has not been seen.

Superintendent Chalmers held a conference yesterday afternoon with the principals of the city schools in the board of education rooms.

Miss Sarah Kelloeg died yesterday at No. 134 North Division street. The funeral will be held from the residence at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The Women's home and hospital, No. 69 Bostwick street, has two nice babies, aged two and six months, for whom good homes are wanted at once.

Stewart I. DeKraft, formerly a Grand Rapids reporter, is dangerously ill at the Alexian Brothers hospital in Chicago. His mother was summoned from Buffalo by telegraph.

Secretary Brigham, of the horsemen's association, is having a circular printed which gives the races and purses of both the July meeting and the Furniture City races in August.

General Baggage Agent Wygant of the G. R. & I., has returned from attending the semi-annual meeting in Cincinnati, of the national association of general baggage agents.

The crew at No. 4 engine house gave the new extension ladder truck "Anom" several successful trials Monday, running the ladder up as high as ninety feet, two men operating it.

Mr. Dr. Presley will read a paper on "Our Duty to the Children" at the Central W. C. T. U. meeting to be held in Good Templars' hall, McCullen block, at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Glen, Wm. F. Innis, Wm. Dunlap, Dr. Joseph Albright, Charles M. Nor-

ton and John Rowson are among the Masons from this city who are attending the session of the grand lodge in Detroit.

The Grand Rapids Cabinet company yesterday filed another mortgage on its assets, running to Foster, Stevens & Co., \$751.88; Chas. McQuewan, \$405; L. K. Bishop \$140, and the Vencer company \$75.

James M. Wilcox, acting secretary of the Association of Builders and Traders, wishes the public to know that he is not the James M. Wilcox who is having a contest with A. L. Livingston in the courts.

The street railway company was moving its big boiler from the cable power house yesterday to the electric power house. It got as far as North Division street last evening.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Safety Deposit company was to have been held yesterday morning at the office of Hadden & Sons, but an adjournment was taken until this evening at the same place.

John F. Holcombe is at the head of a movement to organize a rowing club in this city. The Owenstoning club has asked for an option on its Reed's lake boat house, but the latter's property being in the hands of the sheriff, probably nothing can be done in this direction for some time.

The funeral services of Mrs. Eliza W. Sligh, mother of Mrs. L. E. Hawkins, was held at the Hawkins' residence, on North Prospect street, at 10:30 yesterday morning. A quartet from the New church, of which Mrs. Sligh was a member, sang, and the Rev. George Henry Doe conducted the services.

It is expected that the board of trade will get into its new offices in the Aldrich block by February 1, when the Western Union Telegraph company will remodel the old board rooms into the handsomest telegraph offices in the state, and the present telegraph room will be made the office of Sweet's hotel.

The directors of the Horsemen's association will meet at the Morton house tomorrow evening to make the arrangements to raise \$25,000 to take all of the West Michigan Fair association's bonds, and build stables on the grounds. They will also consider the matter of building a club house on the grounds.

In Social Circles.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakesley of North Park, entertained the North Park Peddler last evening. Miss Florence Bigelow won the first prize, and the booty was given to Mr. Alley.

Judge Burlingame's new game, parket, will be introduced at a party to be given Thursday evening in the judge's home.

St. Joseph's Aid society celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary at the casino, corner of Third and Scribner streets, last night with an entertainment which was pleasantly presented and well attended.

The Young Peoples' society of the Wealthy avenue Baptist church had contemplated taking a sleigh ride Thursday evening, but owing to the poor sleighing an oyster supper will be served in the church instead.

Recitations, music and refreshments will be among the features at the public installation of the officers of Custer Post this evening.

Nearly Cut the Horse's Tongue Out.

Fires at engine house No. 6, were training a new team yesterday, when it became fractious and indulged in frantic antics. The wagon tongue of the engine which the team was attached was broken, and the bit of one of the horses cut his tongue nearly off. Veterinary Surgeon Boskirk was called, and sewed the animal's tongue together, and he thinks it will heal without much difficulty.

Annual Reports Filed.

The following annual reports were filed with the county clerk yesterday:

New England Furniture company—Capital stock, \$121,000; paid in, \$121,000.

Grand Rapids Engraving company—Capital stock, \$10,000; paid in, \$10,000; personal estate, \$5,616.75; debts, \$1,555.70; credits, \$5,162.62.

Stow & Davis Furniture company—Capital stock, \$50,000; paid in, \$45,000; real estate, \$22,825.39; personal estate, \$29,201.29; debts, \$14,812.31; credits, \$8,785.59.

Ocker & Ford Manufacturing company—Capital stock, \$50,000; paid in, \$50,000; real estate, \$28,806.43; personal estate, \$42,644.77; debts, \$29,145.32; credits, \$11,261.77.

Union Credit company—Capital stock, \$25,000; paid in, \$7,197.50; personal estate, \$1,357.20; debts, \$1,851.81; credits, \$2,730.65.

Changes in a Well Known Company.

A majority of the stock of the South Grand Rapids Ice and Coal company has been purchased by J. M. Barnett, A. B. Knowlton and Joseph Horner.

J. T. Quigley, who has been connected with the corporation for some time, has retired from the company.

Horner has been connected with the Old National bank for the past eleven years, and now holds the position of clearing house clerk. He has resigned his position with the bank, his resignation to take effect as soon as its acceptance shall be announced, and will then devote his time to the interests of the ice and coal company. The stockholders of the company will meet this morning at the company's office on South Division street for the election of officers.

Death of Young Glen Trask.

Undertaker Mason went to Woodville last evening to prepare for burial the remains of Glen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Trask, who died of pneumonia. The interment will be made in this city today, in the Valley City cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Trask were formerly residents of Grattan Center, where Mr. Trask was engaged in the mercantile business for several years, and was postmaster there for some time. They removed to Woodville about two years ago. Glen was a bright, intelligent boy, and attended school here in the city last year.

Gas Company's Annual.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Rapids Gas company the following officers were re-elected: President, Thomas D. Gilbert; vice president, Noyes L. Avery; secretary and treasurer, H. D. Walbridge; directors, Ph. C. Fuller, L. J. Rindge, Charles F. Road. The directors' report showed that the company put in five miles of new street mains during the last year and 563 new meters. The increase in the output of gas was 20,000,000 feet. The plant was extended during the past year in greater proportions than in any year in the history of the company.

Watson Relief Corps Officers.

Amassa B. Watson Woman's Relief Corps installed its newly elected officers last Thursday evening, as follows:

President—Mrs. Josephine Virgil. Senior Vice—Mrs. Elsie Skelver. Junior Vice—Mrs. Annie Wilcox. Treasurer—Mrs. Louisa Stein. Chaplain—Mrs. Ormder Abbott. Secretary—Mrs. Belle Taylor. Conductor—Mrs. Nellie Putnam. Guard—Mrs. Sophia Galy. Assistant Guard—Mrs. Branceon.

Continguous Diseases.

Nela Hoag, aged 3, No. 328 Fourth street, scarlet fever; Clarence Newton, aged 5, Walbridge street, rear of reservoir.

Burial Permits.

Nellie Vavas, Matilda street, aged 53 years, grip.

Indian Artists.

All our North American Indians paint, and the patterns vary with the individual, with the family and with the occasion. From notes made upon Sacs and Foxes painted for the dance we will give but one or two cases. One man's face was painted black, except around the eyes and mouth, which were scarlet. Upon his forehead was a neat checkered pattern of yellow on the black background. Another face was divided by a vertical line in two parts, one of which was bright yellow, the other an equally bright green.

His Heart Was True.

Twenty-eight years ago a young Irish girl of Downpatrick refused to marry and accompany her fiancé to New Zealand, for the reason that she could not leave her mother. The old woman entered the almshouse, where her daughter cared for her until she died a short time ago. The former lover, who had become rich in New Zealand, heard of it and sent a ticket to his sweetheart, who is now, at the age of fifty, on her way to New Zealand, and the first time beyond the limits of her native town.

A Hard Journey.

The cook of a surveying party broke his leg while encamped on one of the mountains in Cowitz county, Wash., and after it had been set the surveyors prepared to carry him to the nearest settlement. He weighed two hundred and thirty pounds, and four men had to handle the stretcher. The first day they covered a distance of less than three miles, the descent being so steep that the man had to be lashed to the stretcher and lowered from point to point. They were nine days on the journey.

But the Cook Encouraged His Friends by Singing and Whistling.

Names of Nations.

Asia means morning or east; Europe, evening or west; Australia means lying to or in the south. Hence, we may consider that these nations mean eastern land, western land and southern land. Asia is a Greek word, Europe is the Hebrew word, Australia is a Latin word. The origin of the word "Africa" is uncertain. Some conjecture that it is a Semitic word, meaning "Land of Warriors."

Real Estate Transfers.

Belle H. Burch to Harriet A. Cook, lots 42 and 43, Kent place, \$715 00.

Henry Wilson to Henry G. Kresel, lot 2, E. S. White's add, 1500 00.

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Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriages licensed since has published, with the names, residences (those outside the city) and ages of the parties:

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Charles A. Klann, Bowne, and Myrtle M. Nye, Lake Odessa, 23-18.

Inferior Goods.

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Hartman has 25,000 square feet of elegant show room on Ottawa street, and a dozen carloads of pianos would not crowd much. New pianos are arriving daily, and as Mr. Hartman always carries the largest stock in the city, you will go where to go when you desire to purchase a first-class instrument.

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Lily White.

The Valley City Milling Company has no peer in the manufacture of flour. Try the LILY WHITE.

Did you see them last week? The 4, 4 and 4 off Heavy Overcoats at the Tower.

If you always insist upon having Alcock's Porous Plaster and never accept a substitute, you will not be disappointed.

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M. L. Blair, Alderman, 5th Ward, Section 2A, stated Nov. 9, '83: "He had used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for sprains, burns, cuts, bruises and rheumatism. Cured every time."

Bad drainage causes much sickness, and bad blood and improper action of the liver and kidneys is bad drainage to the human system, which Burdock Blood Bitters remedy.

Lily White Flour.

Made by Valley City Milling Co., Grand Rapids, is a family favorite. Try it.

The remarkable growths which till within two years, was brought about principally by one person telling another, is a monument to Garfield Tea's merits.

Adulterated Wine.

Is injurious, but nothing gives strength like a pure old port wine. "Royal Ruby Port," so called for its royal taste and ruby color, is particularly adapted for invalids, convalescents, and the aged. Sold only in quart bottles, for one dollar, while cheap wine is sold by the gallon and gives a larger profit to the seller but less to the user. This wine is absolutely pure and has the age without which no wine is fit to use. Be sure you get Royal Ruby Port, in quart bottles only. Sold by White & White.

A Healthy and Delicious Beverage.

Menier Chocolate. Learn to make a real cup of chocolate. Address "Menier, New York." Free sample with directions.

Every sack of LILY WHITE FLOUR has a picture of our mill. None genuine without it. VALLEY CITY MILLING CO.

Royal Baking Powder

Is Superior to Every Other

The United States Official Investigation

Of Baking Powders, recently made, under authority of Congress, by the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., furnishes the highest authoritative information as to which powder is the best. The Official Report

Shows the ROYAL to be a cream of tartar baking powder, superior to all others in leavening power (U. S. Dept. Agriculture Bulletin 12, p. 299).

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